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Exhibit 2

Every Montanan knows that the actions of the current Public Service Commission members are an embarrassment and disservice to Montana citizens and utility rate-payers. The current 5 member board has politicized their duties on the commission and abrogated their oaths of office to further their partisan objectives.

Requirements for membership on the PSC should be changed in Montana law. The requirements should stipulate that every member needs a pre-qualification for service, with some background in understanding of utility management. The composition of the board should be a committee of bipartisan members.

The law should consider key factors in differences in each utility commission of, again, bipartisan membership and pre-qualification requirements.

Montana should adopt portions of membership requirements from the Utility Structures of Idaho, Utah, Oregon, Washington and Wyoming.

Public Service Commissioner should be required to adopt PSC staff advice and reports.

Changed MUST occur in the election process of members to the PSC. The current five have abandoned consumers in favor of corporations, brazenly admitted to that inclination and made a joke out of their official duties. It is up to the legislature to correct this malfeasance.